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SUBJECT: KREISKY VIEWS ON RECENT SOCIALIST SUMMIT

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REF: THE HAGUE 2015 (NOTAL)

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY DISCUSSED WITH CHARGE ON APRIL 21 THE RESULTS OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) MEETING IN AMSTERDAM, APRIL 16-17. KREISKY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION OVER BROAD CONSENSUS WHICH SI WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP ON MOST MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. HE FELT SUMMIT WAS

TESTIMONY TO GROWING SI INFLUENCE AND ABILITY OF SI UNDER BRANDT LEADERSHIP TO PROJECT ACTIVE ROLE IN MANY PARTS OF WORLD WHEE HERETOFORE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT BEEN FACED BY VIABLE POLITICAL FORCE ON THE LEFT.

.. AFRICA: KREISKY SAID HE OPPOSED FRENCH SOCIALIST GASTON DEFERRE'S PROPOSAL TO CONDEMN FRENCH ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE AS A PLOY BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES, AND WELCOMED SI DECISION TO DEVELOP MORE MEANGINGUL INFORMATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA SCENE BY DESPATCHING SI MISSION TO AFRICA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PALME.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS: KREISKY DESCRIBED SCHMIDT'S SPEECH ON SUBJECT AS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION THAT HUMAN RIGHS ISSUE FOR FRG IS NOT QUESTION OF FEW HUNDRED CASES BUT OF MISSIONS OF GERMANS IN GDR WHO, UNDER

HELSINKI ACCORD, SHOULD BE ALLOWED MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FRG. KREISKY FELT THAT IN GENERAL SI POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS AND SHOULD REMAIN VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

4. DETENTE: KREISKY FULLY SUPPORTS SI STANCE THAT THERE IS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE. HE FEELS THAT ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH WEST STILL OVERRIDE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES ON IDEOLOGICAL SIDE FLOWING FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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HELSINKI ACCORD, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. SOVIETS WILL WEIGH ADVANTAGES VERSUS DISADVANTAGES IN THEIR HANDLING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT. AGED SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND ITS GENERAL CONSERVATISM MAKE LESS LIKELY, ACCORDING TO

KREISKY, MAJOR REVERSAL OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY LINES OF SOVIET UNION.

5. MIDDLE EAST: KREISKY SAID THAT HIS REPORT TO SI ON HIS FACT-FINDING MISSIONS TO MIDDLE EAST, WHICH IS ABOUT FINISHED, WILL NOT BE WELL RECEIVED BY ISRAELIS. TO PRECLUDE ITS BEING DRAWN INTO ISRAELI DOMESTIC POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, HE HAS POSTPONED ITS SUBMISSIO

UNTIL AFTER THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS. KREISKY STATED HE HADLONG TALK WITH ALLON IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE MORE

A REALISTIC LOOK AT SITUATION AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS  
OF UNRESOLVED CONTROVERSY WITH ARAB WORLD AND ESTABLISH  
CONTACTS WITH MODERATE PLO ELEMENTS WHO, ACCORDING TO  
KREISKY, ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND SHOULD  
BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. KREISKY WAS HIGH  
IN PRAISE OF RECENT GEORGE BALL "FOREIGN AFFAIRS"  
ARTICLE ON MIDDLE EAST WHICH, HE SAID, WAS THE BEST,

MOST REALISTIC TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT HE HAD SEEN. MEEHAN

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